

Mansfield YSB Advisory Board
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 13, 2007
12 noon @ YSB Conf. Rm. B

Attendees: Ethel Mantzaris, Frank Perrotti, Jerry Marchon,
Mike Collins, Eileen Griffin

Staff: Kevin Grunwald, Pat Michalak, Kathy
McNamara, Karen L. Taylor

Regrets: Frank Perrotti

Call to Order

Ethel Mantzaris, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00

- I. Approval of Minutes – **MOTION** by Mike Collins, seconded by Eileen Griffin. Vote: Unanimous in favor of approving minutes as submitted.

Kevin Grunwald, Director

- A. Kevin advised the Board that he and Pat met with Chuck Leavens regarding Challenge. Chuck was advised that due to budget constraints Challenge would not be funded at the current level next FY. Suggestions were made to cut Winter Challenge as well as a parent fee, fundraising and soliciting previous participants to support the program. Pat suggested that using the funds from Winter Challenge could be applied to preparing youth for the Summer Challenge program thru participation at Villari's Martial Arts School.
- B. Kevin handed out copies of the upcoming budget request to board members. A discussion ensued regarding the budget items amongst the members. Kevin suggested the board members support the upcoming budget process at scheduled Town Council meeting in April of 08. The board members acknowledged the importance of attending. Kevin and Pat will prepare DRAFT Budget and timeline for the next meeting.

Pat Michalak – YSB Coordinator Update

- Pat shared with board members an article on the “Girls Summer Program” that was printed in the UConn Community newspaper.
- Pat reviewed the October Activities with the board members.
- Pat advised the board that she had invited Sheila Riffle, Assistant Principal at EOSmith High School along with Board Member CandaceMorell, Assistant at MMS in order to learn more of how better to serve the targeted youth in transitioning to high school.

II. Old Business:

- Eileen Griffin reviewed the draft letter to Matt Hart, Town Manager regarding budget cuts to the Youth Service Bureau. Board members made suggestions for changes to the letter. Eileen to revise and present to the Board at the December meeting.
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III. New Business: None

IV. Other:

- Kevin shared with the Board that Ruth Freeman, Coordinator for the “Underage Drinking” program’s desire to attend a Board meeting to present information and share the program’s progress.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45.

Respectfully submitted by:

Karen L. Taylor
Secretary